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PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

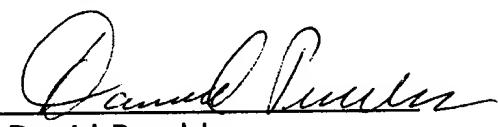
Applicants, by and through their undersigned attorney,
respectfully request a four month extension of time in order to respond
fully to the outstanding Notice To Comply With Requirements For

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Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures as mailed September 4, 2001 for the above-identified application. The period for response will now be extended from October 4, 2001 through February 4, 2002. In view of applicants' status as a Small Entity, please find enclosed a check in the amount of seven hundred twenty (\$720.00) dollars in full payment of the requisite fee [FY 2002] for this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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